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METHOD AND APPARATUS

## **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112**

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In response to the Official Action dated November 12, 2010, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on February 14, 2011 (February 12, 2010 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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